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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lois Smith-Law posthumously upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Women's Employment and Resource Center

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lois Smith-Law posthumously upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Women's Employment and Resource Center; this momentous occasion was celebrated during its Luncheon on October 6, 2015, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Capital District Women's Employment and Resource Center (WERC) is a private, not-for-profit organization that works to advance women's success in the workplace by building their economic and personal independence; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1988, WERC has provided quality workforce development services to more than 6,700 women from both Albany and Rensselaer Counties who have lost their source of income upon the death, divorce, separation, disability, or dislocation of a spouse or who are single mothers; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to a woman who has lived her life with passion and who truly

embraced WERC's mission to help others throughout her career; and WHEREAS, Lois Smith-Law had an expansive and distinguished career working in business management, marketing and development for Kmart's automotive and sporting goods department, Manpower, Metroplex, and Mildred Elley; she ended her illustrious career at Deily & Glastetter, LLP as the Director of Operations; and

WHEREAS, A steadfast and unremitting advocate for women in both their personal and professional lives, Lois Smith-Law understood the importance of diversity in the workplace; she was also an active member of the Capital Region Human Resource Association and a supporter of the Capital District Women's Employment Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, Lois Smith-Law passed away in April of 2015, after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer; she is remembered for all of the lives she has touched, her professional and personal achievements, and her enthusiasm for women in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Lois Smith-Law displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lois Smith-Law posthumously upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Women's Employment and Resource Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Lois Smith-Law.